

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~thermodynamic~~ cracking process, wherein cracking is carried out in a cyclone reactor and in a riser with varying diameter under the influence of a rotating and turbulent fluidised energy carrier in the form of fine grained minerals, whereby the particles are put in motion from the regenerator operated at a temperature of 450°C to 600°C through two exit lines with outlet under the level of the ~~fluidized~~ fluidized bed and are transported to the riser by combustion gases in the fluidization reactor.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~thermodynamic~~ cracking process in accordance with claim 1, wherein the energy carrier is selected from fine grained minerals, such as silica, magnesium oxide, aluminum oxide, copper oxide, anorthosite, olivine or similar materials.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~thermodynamic~~ cracking process in accordance with claim 1, wherein the reactor cyclone has an entrance which is diverting the flow of catalyst and gases whereby they will be subject to strong mechanical shear forces and where the catalyst may be evacuated from the reactor cyclone and be discharged to a regenerator via a rotating valve system and/or another closing device.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~thermodynamic~~ cracking process in accordance with claim 1, wherein the deactivated energy carrier is regenerated in a fluidised regeneration chamber having a fluidizing perforated plate above a plenum receiving either combustion gases or air and where the energy carrier is regenerated by oxidizing co-accumulated coke contained therein.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~thermodynamic~~ cracking process in accordance with claim 4, wherein the regenerator comprises a heat exchanger to control the temperature of the energy carrier in the reactor by steam generation in the heat exchanger.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~thermodynamic~~ cracking process in accordance with claim 1, wherein regenerated energy carrier is transported pneumatically, i.e. without gravitational fall, through the riser by all, or a part of, the stream of combustion gases.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~thermodynamic~~ cracking process in accordance with claim 4, wherein the coke which is oxidized on the energy carrier substantially supplies the energy for the operation of the process.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~thermodynamic~~ cracking process in accordance with claim 1, wherein the product gases are passed to a suitable condensing system consisting of an oil- or steam condenser or a distillation column.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~thermodynamic~~ cracking process in accordance with claim 1, wherein the feed oil is preheated by the heat of condensation of the gases and that the oil is atomized in a ~~nozzel~~ nozzle having a central inlet for steam, whereby the pressure is preset by springs and the oil in the surrounding chamber is passed to a ring slot where steam hits the oil film and beaks it up into droplets.

10. (Currently Amended) A ~~thermodynamic~~ cracking unit, comprising a ~~eyelon~~ cyclone reactor and a riser of varying diameter, whereby the inlet of the cyclone reactor is provided in the lower part of the reactor, in order to bring the particles into an upward circulating movement with large shear and centrifugational forces, a perforated fluidizing plate situated approximately half a diameter from the bottom of the regenerator over a plenum for the regeneration of the energy carrier, as well as a heat exchanger, provided in the fluidized bed of the particles in the regenerator, in order to control the temperature.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~thermodynamic~~ cracking unit in ~~aeoordanse~~ accordance with claim 10, wherein the varying diameter of the riser leads to acceleration and retardation of the stream of gas and particulate energy carriers leading to velocity variations between the gas and the particles and thereby an optimalization of the collisions between the particles and the oil drops injected in the riser and thereby optimalization of the energy transfer and mechanical collision forces between the particles and the oil droplets.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~thermodynamic~~ cracking unit in accordance with claim 11, wherein the colliding particles in the riser of varying diameter leads to sonoluminescence caused by the fact that gas trapped in cavities on the particles and between these are exposed to adiabatic compression whereby temperature and pressure of the gas bubbles are increased and sonoluminescence is created by splitting of the molecules in the gas, which can be oil gas or steam, and emits light and by the fact that part of the oxygen radicals binds to the splitted oil molecules and thereby results in hydrogenation of the oil.

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~thermodynamic~~ cracking process in accordance with claim 3, wherein the deactivated energy carrier is regenerated in a fluidised regeneration chamber having a fluidizing perforated plate above a plenum receiving either combustion gases or air and where the energy carrier is regenerated by oxidizing co-accumulated coke contained therein.

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~thermodynamic~~ cracking process in accordance with claim 3, wherein regenerated energy carrier is transported pneumatically, i.e. without gravitational fall, through the riser by all, or a part of, the stream of combustion gases.

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~thermodynamic~~ cracking process in accordance with claim 4, wherein regenerated energy carrier is transported pneumatically, i.e. without gravitational fall, through the riser by all, or a part of, the stream of combustion gases.

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16. (Currently Amended) The ~~thermodynamic~~ cracking process in accordance with claim 5, wherein regenerated energy carrier is transported pneumatically, i.e. without gravitational fall, through the riser by all, or a part of, the stream of combustion gases.